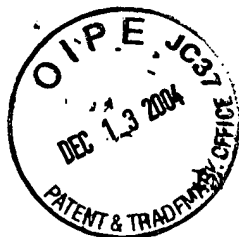


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RE APPLICATION

OF: HÖLZLE ET AL.

SERIAL No. 10/090,763

FILED: MARCH 06, 2002

FOR: METHANOL REFORMING CATALYST HAVING A REDUCED VOLUME
SHRINKAGEDECLARATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.132

Markus HÖLZLE, Michael J. SPRAGUE, Klaus HARTH, Martin SCHÜSSLER, Martin KARL and Stefan BONEBERG declare that they are co-inventors of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in U.S. application Serial No. 10/090,762, and

Markus HÖLZLE, Michael J. SPRAGUE, Klaus HARTH and Wolfgang J. POPEL declare that they are co-inventors of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in copending U.S. application Serial No. 10/090,763;

Declarants further state that the embodiment of the process for the preparation of a methanol reforming catalyst which is disclosed in the paragraph on page 7, indicated lines 8 to 10, of copending U.S. application Serial No. 10/090,763, in which process a calcined catalyst precursor is first reduced, then passivated, and subsequently shaped, as well as the catalyst obtained in that manner, was the contribution of Markus HÖLZLE, Michael J. SPRAGUE and Klaus HARTH.

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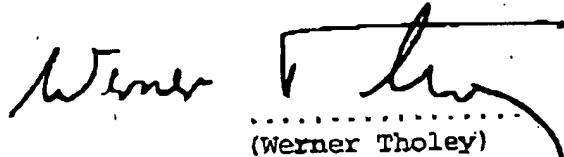
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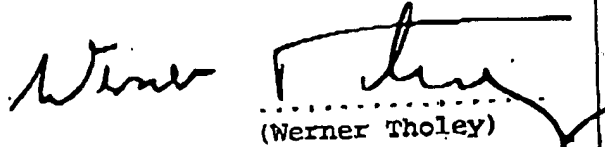
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